

CLAIMS:

1. A document retrieval method for inputting a user's evaluation for a document retrieved on the basis of a designated search condition and changing said search condition on the basis of said evaluation, comprising:

a search condition storage step for, when changing said search condition on the basis of said evaluation, storing a search condition before or after the change;

a search result storage step for storing a search result based on the search condition before or after the change; and

a search history storage step for storing information stored in said search condition storage step, information stored in said search result storage step, said evaluation and an identifier of a document subjected to said evaluation by making the correspondence between them.

2. A document retrieval method according to claim 1 further comprising an evaluation history display step for delivering a list of documents for which the user inputted evaluations to evaluate said documents as desirable or undesirable in the past on the basis of the information stored in said search history storage step and said evaluations for said documents.

3. A document retrieval method according to claim 1 further comprising a search result history display

step for delivering a document delivered as a search result before said search condition is changed on the basis of said evaluation even after said search condition is changed, on the basis of the information stored in said search history storage step.

4. A document retrieval method according to claim 2 further comprising a search condition restoration step for restoring, of the evaluation history delivered in said evaluation history display step, a search condition before a desired evaluation is inputted.

5. A document retrieval method according to claim 2 further comprising a search condition update step for inputting an evaluation to evaluate a document delivered in said evaluation history display step as desirable or undesirable and changing said search condition on the basis of said evaluation.

6. A document retrieval method according to claim 2 further comprising a user evaluation erase step for erasing a desired one of evaluations as to desirability or undesirability inputted by the user in said evaluation history display step, in accordance with a request from the user and changing the search condition to the state available when said evaluation is not made.

7. A document retrieval method according to claim 3 further comprising a search condition update step for causing the user to input an evaluation to evaluate the document delivered in said search result history display step as desirable or undesirable so as to change said

search condition on the basis of said evaluation.

8. A document retrieval method according to claim 3 further comprising a user evaluation erase step for erasing a desired one of evaluations as to desirability or undesirability inputted by the user and delivered in said search result history display step, in accordance with a request from the user and changing weights of strings in the search condition to the state available when said evaluation is not made.

9. A document retrieval method according to claim 1 wherein a user's evaluation for a search result document is inputted in accordance with a method for setting one or more evaluation grades, the search condition includes weights assigned to strings and the weight of a string is changed in accordance with a method for setting the degree of change in many grades pursuant to said evaluation.

10. A document retrieval system for inputting a user's evaluation for a document retrieved on the basis of a designated search condition and changing said search condition on the basis of said evaluation, comprising:

search condition storage means for storing, when said search condition is changed on the basis of said evaluation, a search condition before or after the change;

search result storage means for storing a search result based on the search condition before or

after the change; and

search history storage means for storing information stored by said search condition storage means, information stored by said search result storage means, said evaluation and an identifier of a document subjected to said evaluation by making the correspondence between them.

11. A recording medium storing a document retrieval program for inputting user's evaluation for a document retrieved on the basis of a designated search condition and changing said search condition on the basis of said evaluation, said recording medium storing a document retrieval program comprising:

a search condition storage step for storing, when changing said search condition on the basis of said evaluation, a search condition before or after the change;

a search result storage step for storing a search result based on the search condition before or after the change; and

a search history storage step for storing information stored in said search condition storage step, information stored in said search result storage step, said evaluation and an identifier of a document subjected to said evaluation by making the correspondence between them.